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SUB: NARCOTICS: GOC CHARGES "MAFIA" PAID PROTECTION MONEY TO UP

REF: SANTIAGO 4648

1. SUMMARY. HEAD OF CHILE'S CIVIL POLICE HAS CHARGED THAT "INTERNATIONAL MAFIA" PAID US\$30,000 PER MONTH TO OFFICIALS OF LATE UP GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AS "PROTECTION MONEY" TO OBTAIN IMMUNITY FROM POLICE INTERFERENCES IN COCAINE TRAFFIC. GOC PRESUMES THIS MONEY BOUGHT ARMS FOR UP, FINANCED OTHER UP POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITIES, AND ENRICHED UP POLICE OFFICIALS.

END SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL ERNESTO BAEZA MICHAELSEN, WHO HAS HEADED DIRECTORATE OF INVESTIGATIONS (DETECTIVES) SINCE SEPTEMBER 12, RETURNED LAST WEEKEND FROM INTERPOL MEETING HELD IN VIENNA OCT 3 TO 9. IN PRESS CONFERENCE OCT 16 GEN BAEZA REVEALED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT "INTERNATIONAL MAFIA" PAID US\$30,000 PER MONTH TO FORMER

UP CIVIL POLICE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING ALFREDO JOIGNANT AND EDUARDO PAREDES, FOR POLICE PROTECTION IN CARRYING ON COCAINE TRADE. BAEZA LISTED SEVERAL CASES IN YEARS OF UP RULE IN WHICH CHILEANS OR ALIENS RESIDENT IN CHILE HAD BEEN CAUGHT ABROAD (MEXICO, ARGENTINA, SPAIN) SMUGGLING DRUGS. FAILURE OF CHILEAN POLICE UNDER UP DIRECTION TO COOPERATE WITH FOREIGN POLICE AND INTERPOL ALLOWED TRAFFICKERS ESCAPE PROSECUTION. IN OTHER CASES WITHIN CHILE, UP GOVERNMENT HAD NOT PERMITTED PROSECUTION. BAEZA SPECIFIED DISCOVERY "AT END OF LAST YEAR" OF COCAINE LABORATORY IN CHILE, WHICH UP POLICE HEAD HOIGNANT HAD BEEN FORCED TO REVEAL BECAUSE "THE DETAILS WERE KNOWN TO AMERICAN AGENTS WHO WERE WORKING INDEPENDENTLY" (SANTIAGO 4843, NOV 1972). JOIGNANT FAILED TO FOLLOW UP ON INVESTIGATION.

3. BAEZA NOTED WITH CONCERN INCREASED USE OF DRUGS IN CHILE ITSELF, AND PROMISED INTENSIFIED POLICE EFFORTS ELIMINATE ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE.

4. CHARGES THAT UP USED PROTECTION MONEY TO BUY ARMS AND FINANCE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DETAILED. BAEZA SAID INVESTIGATION CONTINUING BUT WELL-BASED PRESUMPTION IS THAT FUNDS WERE USED FOR THESE PURPOSES AND PERHAPS AS WELL FOR SIMPLE PERSONAL USE OF FORMER POLICE OFFICIALS.

5. PRESENT GOC WILL RETURN TO FULL PARTICIPATION IN INTERPOL, FROM WHICH UP GOVERNMENT HAD VIRTUALLY WITHDRAWN, ACCORDING BAEZA.

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